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THE HOUR URGES FREEZING OF FUNDS OF
UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Resources of Organization Amount to \$6,000,000;
Executive Board, Known for Nazi Contacts,
Controls Large Portion of Fund

According to the Ukrainian-American attorney Michael Piznak (whose brother William was recently arrested in New York City for concealing an arsenal of weapons in his home), "The Ukrainian National Association is a fraternal beneficiary organization, organized in 1894 and duly licensed to carry on its business in various states of the union." The Association has a membership of 40,000. Its assets exceed \$6,000,000.

The majority of the membership of the UNA are pro-democratic Ukrainian-Americans. But a fascist minority has maneuvered into executive positions in the organization. This minority has intimate connections with the ODWU (Organization for the Rebirth of the Ukraine) and the Hetman, twin nationalist-terrorist organizations which operate directly under the supervision of the Third Reich.

As early as June 27, 1940, The Hour carried an item exposing the inroads made by Ukrainian-Nazis into the executive board of the UNA. At the time Michael Piznak, who is attorney for the Association, wrote us an indignant letter demanding the retraction of our statements. When we printed additional information about the pro-Nazi activities of certain executive board members, Mr. Piznak retired into a discreet silence.

UNA Officers

A study of the present officers of the Association is illuminating. Nicholas Maraszko, President of the UNA, is known to be a member of the ODWU. Dmytro Halyohyn, the Recording Secretary, is an ODWU leader and is custodian of the secret address in Europe through which Nazi-Ukrainians maintain contact with the Provid (Berlin headquarters). Other officers and members of the executive board are Luke Myshuha, editor of the pro-Nazi Svoboda, who two years ago was the Berlin radio guest of Dr. Paul Joseph Goebbels; Eugene Lachovitch, well-known as a

liaison officer for the ODWU; Stephen Kuropas, ODWU member and contact man for Captain Sushko, a Nazi agent who represents the Provid; Roman Smuk, a leader in midwestern Nazi-Ukrainian circles -- who, incidentally, is also a U. S. Army Captain; Nicholas Davyskyba, go-between of the ODWU and the Tashnags, an Armenian terrorist band; John Koos, professional labor spy and fascist Ukrainian bigwig, who in 1938 cabled Adolf Hitler congratulating him on his settlement of the "minority problem."

Action Needed

The Government of the United States has frozen German funds in this country. But, with Nazi-Ukrainians in control of large financial resources, ample cash is still available to agents of the Third Reich who are operating in the United States.

For this reason The Hour recommends that the government either immediately freeze the funds of the Ukrainian National Association or place these funds under strict federal supervision.

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FAMED SABOTEUR VISITS THE HOUR

On the morning of June 27, this item appeared in Walter Winchell's column:

"Tip the newspapers to see the next issue of The Hour -- amazing revelations on activities of Ukrainians in the U. S. readying sabotage, etc., campaigns. A new Nazi trick because Germans and Italians are no longer in good standing over here and Ukrainians wouldn't be 'suspected'..."

On the afternoon of June 27, a visitor came to the offices of The Hour. He bought eight copies of our publication, carefully surveyed his surroundings and left without comment. The visitor was the Ukrainian Theodore Wozniak, German sabotage agent in the First World War and key man in the Black Tom Explosion.

The Hour wonders: can Wozniak's conscience be troubling him?

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HITLER "RELIEF" FUNDS RAISED IN ST. LOUIS

Miniature booklets, consisting mainly of pictures of Hitler, are being distributed in St. Louis, in an effort to raise funds for the German Winter Relief Campaign. The booklets, about $1\frac{1}{4}$ by $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in size, contain little reading material. There is an index to the illustrations and a three-paragraph excerpt from one of Hitler's speeches. The remaining space in each booklet is devoted to photographs of Der Fuehrer, in a variety of heroic or benign poses. Members of the German Consulate in St. Louis have been promoting the distribution of this literature.

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NAZI AGENT KATAMAY

The June 28 issue of the Philadelphia Ukrainian publication America features an article by the Nazi-Ukrainian agent Bohdan Katamay which is outspoken in its endorsement of Hitler's invasion of Russia. Katamay boasts he speaks in the name of General Paul Skoropadsky, chief of the fascist Hetman band, which operates under the direction of Nazi ideologist Alfred Rosenberg. Katamay relates that he was received "in special audience" by Skoropadsky in Berlin on March 13, 1940, and that the latter promised "he would make arrangements with foreign powers whenever such arrangements, in his opinion, would be in the interest of the Ukrainian State."

After denouncing Winston Churchill and Franklin D. Roosevelt for having offered support to the Soviet Union, Katamay declares, "In the interest of the Ukrainian people is the complete disappearance of every vestige of the bloody regime of Stalin from the land of the Ukraine ... If the people of the Ukraine decide to have Skoropadsky or Andrew Melnyk as their head of State, shall we in America fight against such a decision of our nation? I think we should not." The present task for Ukrainian-Americans, he adds, is "to supply proofs to the American Government that the aid to the Soviets is not in the interests of America."

Katamay's Work for Third Reich

Katamay's article fits into the Nazi-inspired campaign among Ukrainian Fifth Columnists in the United States to prevent assistance from reaching Russia (see The Hour for June 28). Katamay's association with the Nazis is of long-standing. Before he came to the United States, he collaborated in the publishing of an anti-Semitic newspaper in Lwow, Poland; the publication was subsidized by the Hitler government. As soon as Katamay arrived in this country, he publicly expressed his pro-Nazi sympathies in a series of Jew-baiting articles in America. He has continued to play a leading role in fascist Ukrainian-American circles. It is said that the Nazis, in recognition of his effective work to date, have now selected him to act as one of the key directors of their propaganda work in the United States.

In his writings Katamay frequently employs the phrase, "We, the American citizens." The Hour is informed that Bohdan Katamay is not an American citizen and that several years ago he was deported from this country. He returned to the United States about a year ago, shortly after meeting with General Skoropadsky in Berlin.

It seems highly advisable that the Immigration Division of the Department of Justice take action against this Nazi-Ukrainian agent.

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QUANTITATIVE ANTI-SEMITISM

On May 17, The Hour carried an item exposing the anti-Semitic and pro-fascist nature of Labor Magazine, published in Muskogee, Oklahoma, by Arthur L. McKenney. In our article, we observed, "Every page of Labor Magazine is replete with violently anti-Semitic statements."

Publisher McKenney has since written a letter to The Hour vigorously objecting to our article. The current issue of Labor features this communication. The letter, which accuses The Hour of malicious lying, points out that several pages of a recent issue of Labor were completely devoid of Jew-baiting statements. McKenney even lists the pages. Therefore, says McKenney, to claim that every page of his magazine is anti-Semitic is a grave distortion of the truth.

McKenney concludes his letter by challenging the editorial staff of The Hour to a debate on the Talmud.

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COUGHLIN AND THE NAZIS DEFEND "CHRISTIANITY"

In the July 7 issue of Social Justice, Father Charles E. Coughlin echoes the Nazi canard that "Germany's war on Russia is a battle for Christianity." The Royal Oak priest hews to the Goebbels line by declaring that this "Crusade for Christianity" is also a fight against the "godless Jews":

"We remember that atheistic Communism was conceived and brought to birth in Russia chiefly through the instrumentality of godless Jews.

"And it is our expressed opinion that this world war would not now be in progress except it were for the benefit particularly of international banking Jews."

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UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI AND AXIS PROPAGANDA

The library of the University of Miami has had all Axis propaganda literature removed from its shelves. The action came after numerous complaints were made because of quantities of German, Italian and Japanese propaganda material available at the library. Such pro-Nazi items as Colin Ross' Unser America had been prominently displayed, and not a few undergraduates had claimed that the library officials were displaying a strange interest in literature expounding in fascist ideology.

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